

Training on fashion design begins

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Bangladesh Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BWCCI) yesterday started a five-day training programme on 'fashion design' at Manab Kalyan Parishad Training Centre in the town to help the local female entrepreneurs.

A total of 30 female entrepreneurs from different areas of the district are taking part in the programme.

District Women's Affairs Officer Morshed Ali Khan inaugurated the event as the chief guest, while District Social Welfare Officer Hasmat Ali Jowardar and Chairman of Jatya Mahila Sangstha Monwara Chowdhury attended the programme as special guests.

BWCCI organised the event with the financial support of Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) Foundation.

The speakers at the programme said such training can help the women entrepreneurs to develop their skills and run their businesses successfully.

Bridge without approach road

Thousands of people suffer as it is unusable

EAM ASADUZZAMAN, Nilphamari

The newly constructed concrete bridge over Dola Nala canal in Bahagli union under Kishoreganj upazila of the district is lying unused for more than a year as it does not have approach road on either side, causing immense suffering to the people of surrounding villages.

The Ministry of Relief and Disaster Management built the bridge in early 2015-2016 fiscal year under the rural bridge construction programme at a cost of Tk 28 lakh with the upazila project implementation officer (PIO) as the monitoring authority.

On a visit to the site on Sunday, this correspondent saw the 28-foot long bridge surrounded by paddy fields. People were walking across the dried up canal bed under the bridge.

Bahagli Union Parishad (UP) Chairman Ataur Rahman Shah said, "It is the easiest way to go to upazila headquarters and adjacent Taraganj upazila town for about 10,000 people of Nayankhal, Peerpara, Dangi, Pagoltari, Hazipara, Majapara, Telipara and Nauapara villages."

Hundreds of students have to cross the canal to go to Nayankhal School and College, Khalisha School and College and Mahubia Dakhil Madrasa, he said, adding that many students, especially girls, do not attend classes in the rainy season.

Abdul Mannan, a trader of Nayankhal village market, said, "We can't carry our goods to nearby markets using rickshaw vans or light vehicles and are deprived of getting proper profit as using the alternate way is time consuming and adds to the expenditure."



Thousands suffer as the newly constructed bridge over Dola Nala canal at Nayakhal village in Kishoreganj upazila of Nilphamari lies unused for not having any approach road on both sides.

Mishu Aktar, a Class X student of Khalisha School and College, said, "Before the concrete bridge was built, villagers used a bamboo bridge, which is no longer there. We face difficulties in attending classes, especially in the rainy season."

Kishoreganj Upazila Chairman Rashidul Islam said he had raised the issue in upazila co-ordination committee meetings several times, requesting construction of approach roads.

Project Implementation Officer (PIO) of Kishoreganj Mofakkharul Islam said construction of approach road was included in the project design of the bridge, but the previous PIO released the money in favour of the contractor before completion of the work.

"I directed the contractor several times to complete the work, but he did not. If he disobeys this time, his deposit money will be forfeited and we will use it to construct the approach road."

DILAPIDATED BUILDING IN MOULVIBAZAR Classes on school premises

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Students and teachers of Uttar Chunggar Government Primary School in Kulaura upazila are attending classes amid risk as several cracks have developed on the roof of the school building.

As many as 150 students and four teachers are under risk as the building became very risky after the earthquake in 2016 and early this year, said guardians.

Chunks of plaster often fall off the ceiling of the classrooms, forcing

some students to attend classes in a tin-shed at the school ground, said Habibur Rahman Salam, chairman of Kadipur Union Parishad.

Apart from this, the school has been facing manifold problems, said teachers and students.

Third grader Ripon Mia said, "I along with my classmates become very panicky during heavy downpour in monsoon."

Despite repeated pleas, the authorities concerned are yet to take any steps to renovate the school building, said

Birendra Das, president of the school managing committee.

The guardians showed less interest in sending their children to school due to the dilapidated condition of the building, he said.

Despite repeated calls, this correspondent could not reach Upazila Primary Education Officer Md Masudur Rahman for his comment.

District Primary Education Officer Md Abdul Alim said, "As I joined on March 13, I don't know anything about this matter."

Kids attend classes under a makeshift shed on the premises of Uttar Chunggar Government Primary School in Kulaura upazila of Moulvibazar as the schoolhouse has become too risky to use.



PHOTO: STAR

Man gets life for killing wife for dowry

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

A court here yesterday sentenced a man to life imprisonment for killing his wife for dowry in 2008.

Judge Md Rafiqul Islam of Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal delivered the verdict against Kanchon Halder, 35, son of Dulal Halder of Vati Luxmipur area in Faridpur town. The court also fined the convict Tk 20,000.

According to the prosecution, Kanchon killed his wife Swapna Malo, 20, daughter of Jibon Kumar Malo of Datpur village under Boailmari upazila, at his house on June 14 in 2008 for dowry.

The victim's father filed a case with Faridpur Sadar Police Station on that day.

MURDER OF DINAJPUR PIR, AIDE Prime accused on remand

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A Dinajpur court yesterday granted seven-day remand for Shafiqul Islam Babu, a prime suspect in the case for killing Pir Farhad Hossain Chowdhury and his female attendant in Bochaganj upazila of Dinajpur on March 13.

The Court of Senior Judicial Magistrate Lutfar Rahman granted the remand after the investigation officer of the case, Arzu Mohammad Sazzad Hossain, also officer in charge of Bochaganj Police Station, produced Shafiqul before the court with a prayer for 10-day remand, said Shaheed Sarwardi, court inspector of Dinajpur.

Rapid Action Battalion of Rangpur arrested Shafiqul from Joymonirhat village under Bhurungamari upazila of Kurigram early Monday and he was later handed over to Dinajpur police.

Farhad Hossain Chowdhury, 65, and his attendant Rupali Begum, 19, were shot and stabbed to death inside a shrine at Doula village under Bochaganj upazila of Dinajpur on March 13 night.

Fardhat founded the shrine named Kaderia Mohammadi Khanka Sharif in 2010.

Pir Isaq Ali was the mastermind of the double murder while Saidur Rahman, Shafiqul Islam and four others were involved with the killing, police said, adding that earlier arrested Isaq Ali and Saidur Rahman gave confessional statement before a magistrate's court on Friday.

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